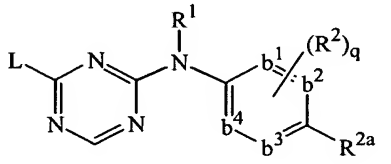
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

14. (currently amended) A compound of formula



(I-a)

or a *N*-oxide, an addition salt, a quaternary amine or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

$-b^1=b^2-C(R^{2a})=b^3-b^4=$ represents a bivalent radical of formula

$-CH=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$ (b-1);

$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$ (b-2);

$-CH=N-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$ (b-3);

$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=N-CH=$ (b-4);

$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-N=$ (b-5);

$-CH=N-C(R^{2a})=N-CH=$ (b-6); or

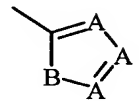
$-N=N-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$ (b-7);

q is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^1 is hydrogen, aryl, formyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with formyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, or C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl;

R^{2a} is cyano; aminocarbonyl; mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with cyano, aminocarbonyl or mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl; C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with cyano; or C_{2-6}alkynyl substituted with cyano;

each R^2 independently is hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with cyano or $-C(=O)R^4$, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano, C_{2-6}alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio, $-S(=O)_pR^4$, $-NH-S(=O)_pR^4$, $-C(=O)R^4$, $-NHC(=O)H$, $-C(=O)NHNH_2$, $-NHC(=O)R^4$,$-C(=NH)R^4$ or a radical of formula



(c)

wherein each A independently is N, CH or CR^4;

B is NH, O, S or NR^4;

p is 1 or 2; and

R^4 is methyl, amino, mono- or dimethylamino or polyhalomethyl;

L is C_{4-10}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl, C_{2-10}alkynyl, or C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, whereby each of said aliphatic groups is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from

(i) C_{3-7}cycloalkyl,

(ii) indolyl or isoindolyl, each optionally substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy or C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl,

(iii) phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings is optionally substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R^2; or

L is -X-R^3 wherein

R^3 is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings is optionally substituted with two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R^2; and

X is -NR^1-, -NH-NH-, -N=N-, -O-, -C(=O)-, -CHOH-, -S-, -S(=O)- or -$S(=O)_2$-;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl or polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy.

15. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein L is -X-R^3, -X- is -O- or -NH- and R^3 is phenyl substituted with two or three substituents each independently selected from chloro, bromo, cyano or methyl.

16. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein R^{2a} is cyano, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with cyano, aminocarbonyl or mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl.

17. (previously presented) A method of treating a subject suffering from Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 14 to said subject.

18. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of compound as claimed in claim 14.

19. (previously presented) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 18 comprising mixing a therapeutically effective amount of said compound with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20. (previously presented) The combination of a compound as defined in claim 14 and another antiretroviral compound.

21. (previously presented) A combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in anti-HIV treatment, comprising a product containing (a) a compound as defined in claim 14, and (b) another antiretroviral compound.

22. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and as active ingredients (a) a compound as defined in claim 14, and (b) another antiretroviral compound.